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REVIEW CONFERENCE

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1. SUMMARY. THIRD DAY OF PREPCOM MEETING MADE SUBSTANTIAL
PROGRESS, APPROVING AGENDA FOR TREATY REVCON AND WORKING
THROUGH MOST OTHER RULES OF PROCEDURE ON THIRD READING,
EXCEPT FOR DETAILS OF COMPOSITION OF GENERAL AND DRAFTING
COMMITTEES. INFORMAL SUGGESTIONS CIRCULATED BY USDEL
DURING AND AFTER SESSIONS HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY RESOLVED EVEN
THESE ISSUES. CONFERENCE COST-SHARING IS MAJOR OPEN ISSUE,
AS REPORTED REFTEL. CANDIDACIES OF FINLAND (PASTINEN) AND
POLAND (WYZNER) ARE BEING ADVOCATED BY UK AND USSR REPS,
WITH UNNAMED SWISS DARK HORSE INTRODUCED BY YUGOSLAVE
REP. END SUMMARY.

2. FEB 9 MORNING SESSION ACHIEVED AGREEMENT ON

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TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE AGENDA, SUBSTANTIALLY ALONG
LINES DRAFT CONTAINED US POSITION PAPER,
DESPITE TENACIOUS AND REPEATED EFFORTS BY
ROMANIAN REP TO REVISE AGENDA TO INTRODUCE LAW OF
THE SEA ISSUES INTO SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY REVIEW.
SKILLFUL GUIDANCE BY PREPCOM CHAIRMAN WYZNER, TOGETHER
WITH HELPFUL OPPOSING ANALYSIS BY VARIOUS DELEGATIONS

AND GRACEFUL SWEDISH COMPROMISE LANGUAGE, ENABLED
SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION DESPITE ROMANIAN OBDURACY. AGREED
AGNEDA WILL BE PROVIDED SEPARATELY.

3. IN AFTERNOON SESSION, CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS WAS MADE
BY PREPCOM ON THIRD READING BY RULES OF PROCEDURE. WITH
ALL DELEGATIONS SPEAKING TO ISSUES, EXCEPT ROMANIA,
AGREEMENT REACHED ON CONFERENCE STRUCTURE WHICH WOULD
HAVE PLENARY, GENERAL, DRAFTING AND CREDENTIALS COM
MITTEES, AND WORKING GROUPS AS NECESSARY. ROMANIAN DEL
REPEATEDLY SOUGHT TO INTRODUCE LANGUAGE BY WHICH SOMETHING
RESEMBLING A MAIN COMMITTEE COULD BE CREATED UNDER TITLE
"OTHER APPROPRIATE BODIES". USREP, SUPPORTED BY OTHER
DELS INCLUDING USSR, FIRMLY OPPOSED ROMANIAN EFFORTS AND
ROMANIAN REP FINALLY AGREED ON COMPROMISE BY WHICH IT
WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT CONFERENCE COULD SET UP APPRO-
PRIATE BODIES OR WORKING GROUPS, WHEN NECESSARY TO FULFILL
SPECIFIC TASKS.

4. IN INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS DURING MEETING, AND IN
RECESS PERIODS, USDEL DISCUSSED WITH AND SECURED INFORMAL
AGREEMENT FROM MAJOR WESTERN REPS AND USSR DELEGATION
ON APPROPRIATE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION AND POSSIBLE
NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF GENERAL AND DRAFTING COMMITTEES,
THUS REDUCING SUBSTANTIALLY NUMBER OF VICE-PRESIDENTS
AND ENABLING REASONABLE BALANCE. YUGOSLAV REP, SPEAKING
FOR UNCLEAR NUMBER OF NON-ALIGNED DELEGATIONS, WAS
SUBSTANTIALLY IN AGREEMENT AND, AFTER SOME DISCUSSION
WITH USREP IN EVENING MEETING, AGREED HE WOULD SEEK
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CONCURRENCE FROM DELEGATIONS WITH WHOM HE HAD BEEN
CONSULTING. FORMULA WOULD BE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT,
THREE WESTERN EUROPEAN PLUS TWO DEPOSITARIES, THREE
EASTERN EUROPEAN PLUS ONE DEPOSTIARY, FOR AFRICAN,
FOUR ASIAN AND ONE LATIN AMERICAN, FOR TOTAL OF 19.

5. AT EVENING RECEPTION AT UK RESIDENCE, UKREP WAS
CONCERNED THAT THERE BE ADEQUATE SUPPORT FOR FINNISH
AMB PASTINEN AS CONFERENCE PRESIDENT, IN LIGHT OF FACT
USSR REP WAS INFORMALLY URGING POLISH AMB WYZNER,
PREPCOM CHAIRMAN, AS CONFERENCE PRESIDENT. ON OTHER
HAND, CANADIAN REP, SPEAKING WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, SAID
HE THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE ADVANTAGES IN HAVING EASTERN
EUROPEAN AS OBJECTIVE AND PROFESSIONAL AS WYZNER AS THE
TREATY REVCON CHAIRMAN, SINCE THIS WOULD PROVIDE GOOD
ARGUMENT IN NEXT INSTANCE OF CHOOSING IMPORTANT
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR REPRESENTATIVE
OF WESTERN AND INDUSTRIALIZED CHOICE. USREP SAID
WE THOUGHT WYZNER WAS VERY ABLE AS

PROVED BY HIS CHAIRMANSHIP OF PREPCOM, REASONABLY
OBJECTIVE; THA WE HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO
ARRIVE INFORMALLY AT AGREEMENT ON REVCON CHAIRMAN,
WITHOUT UNDUE PRESSURE ON BEHALF OF ANY PARTICULAR
CANDIDATE; BUT THAT IN EVENT OF STRONG CONTEST, THERE
WERE BENEFITS IN HAVING A NEUTRAL AS CHAIRMAN. DURING
THIS RECEPTION, YUGOSLAV REP INDICATED THAT UNNAMED
SWISS MIGHT ALSO BE CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMANSHIP. CATTO

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